



1 (Amended Herein-Thrice Amended) A method for
2 decorative enhancement of a polyethylene surface of a
3 molded polyethylene article, which method comprises the
4 steps of:

5 (a) combining a decorative enhancement
6 composition and said polyethylene
7 surface wherein said decorative
8 enhancement composition consists
9 essentially of:
10 (1) a liquid carrier that provides
11 the decorative enhancement
12 composition with a consistency and
13 viscosity for liquid methods of
14 application;
15 (2) a colorant to impart a surface
16 color;
17 (3) a binder selected from the class
18 consisting of aromatic and aliphatic
19 hydrocarbon resins, waxes, rosins,
20 and terpene-based resins; and
21 (4) polyethylene powder; and
22 (b) heating said decorative enhancement
23 composition and said polyethylene
24 surface to an elevated temperature
25 and time sufficient to incorporate
26 said decorative enhancement
27 composition into said surface and
28 produce a molded polyethylene
29 article having said surface
30 decoratively enhanced by said
31 colorant.

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1 The method of Claim 47 wherein said molded
2 polyethylene article is a preformed, rotationally molded
3 polyethylene article.

1 49. **(Amended)** The method of Claim 48 wherein said
2 combining step is accomplished by applying said
3 decorative enhancement composition to said preformed
4 rotationally molded polyethylene article.

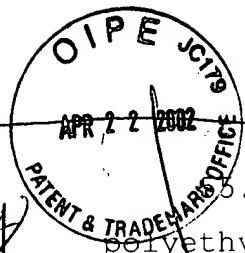
1 50. The method of Claim 49 wherein said heating
2 step is accomplished by heating said decorative
3 enhancement composition and said preformed rotationally
4 molded polyethylene article to a temperature and for a
5 time sufficient to fuse said decorative enhancement
6 composition to said preformed rotationally molded
7 polyethylene article.

1 51. The method of Claim 47 wherein said liquid
2 carrier comprises 20 to 90 weight percent of said
3 decorative enhancement composition.

1 52. **(Amended)** The method of Claim 47 wherein said
2 colorant, said binder and said particulate thermoplastic
3 powder collectively comprise a first mixture comprising
4 10 to 80 weight percent of said decorative enhancement
5 composition.

1 53. The method of claim 52 wherein said colorant
2 comprises 9 to 50 weight percent of said first mixture
3 and said binder and said polyethylene powder collectively
4 comprise 50 to 91 weight percent of said first mixture.

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1 (Amended) The method of Claim 53 wherein said
2 polyethylene powder has a density from 0.88 to 0.97 and
3 a particle size no greater than 140 microns.

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